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## RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated 21 May 2002, please amend the claims in the above identified applications as follows:

<u>Cancel</u> claims 1, 60-61 without prejudice to their renewal in a related patent application.

<u>Replace</u> the following amended claims with the pending claims having the same claim number:

57. (Amended) The method of claim 56 wherein said first STAT protein is selected from the group consisting of STAT 1, STAT 2, STAT 3, STAT 4, STAT 5A, STAT 5B, and STAT 6.